



Queue Jump Study in Lee County, Florida

A Traffic Management Facility used to bypass areas where congestion is severe and occurs in a predictable pattern. Tolls will vary by time of day and be tied in with the County's existing toll collection system (LEEWAY). Once implemented, it will be the first of its kind in the U.S.

The study, funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and Lee County, involves highly congested locations within Lee County where Queue Jump facilities could realistically be implemented. The map at left shows three highly congested intersections where Queue Jump facilities would provide new capacity and convenience available to everyone, but users would have to pay a toll.

What is Queue Jump?

Queue Jump is defined as a new road facility, such as elevated ramps or at-grade lanes that can be used by motorists stopped in traffic (or queued at an intersection) to bypass the congestion. Queue Jumps provide the motorist a choice – sit in traffic or bypass by paying a toll.

How Will It Work?

Tolls will vary by time of day or degree of congestion. They may also vary depending on the vehicle occupancy.

Toll collection will occur electronically without any manual collection booths. The Queue Jump's tolling system will be tied into the County's existing LeeWay system (see below), allowing the new concept to be brought on-line quickly and for a reasonable cost.



Lee County's LEEWAY System:

In August 1998, Lee County implemented variable toll pricing on the Midpoint Memorial and Cape Coral bridges.

The program provides motorists with a 50 percent discount off the \$1 toll during selected off-peak hours as an incentive to change the timing of trips from peak to off-peak times.

The transponder is automatically read as the motorist passes through the toll plaza and the discounted toll is deducted from the customer's prepaid account.